(a) the strength of the Form classes of Chelakkara Sirkar Lower Secondary School during the last 5 years ;

(b) whether representations for raising the present Lower Secondary School to an Upper Secondary School have been received by the Government ;

(c) whether the Government has any idea of raising this school to an Upper Secondary one ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a)

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B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.
80	11	87	12	96	22	116	23	102	29

(b) Yes.

(c) The question of raising the standard will be considered after the completion of Educational Survey.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) When is this survey expected to be over ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—As far as the High Schools are concerned it will be over in a month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And with regard to other schools ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That will take a long time. During the Summer the whole work will be over.

Tuberculosis, etc., diseases.

394. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) to what percentage of the population of the State is affected with Tuberculosis, elephantiasis and hook-worms ;

(b) is there greater immunity in Mattancheri, than elsewhere in the State;

(c) what is the statistics in regard to the attacks of the above diseases ;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, what preventive measure the Government have taken so far and how far it had its effect ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao —(a) No statistics are available.

(b) No.

(c) No statistics are available.

(d) No specific measures are resorted to at present. But such general sanitary measures as supply of good drinking water in the towns of Ernakulam and Mattancheri and public scavenging services in the Municipal towns are adopted. Health lectures with the help of lantern slides are delivered in different parts of the State. It cannot be definitely stated how far these measures have been effective.

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Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan —May I know whether the Government has tried to obtain the particulars of question. (a).

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not possible unless a very big survey is made.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether Government has done anything to find out the percentage?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—To find it out it will require a special staff who will have to do all the work. At present there is no agency to do this work.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is the Government aware that it is necessary and has the C. M. and S. O. brought the matter to theGovernment to find out the necessity of the staff and to obtain the percentages?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Up till now no proposal has been sent to the Government.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan—May I know whether it is necessary to bring it to the notice of the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is a matter of opinion. But a good deal has been done to take the percentage of the population of the whole State and examine every individual to see whether he has Tuberculosis, elephentiasis and hook worm diseases and formally a scheme for the improvement of it will require a very big staff which at present is not possible.

Widening Palliviruthi Road.

395. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.— In view of the assurance by the Government to the effect that the widening of the Palliviruthi road will be taken up this year, what action have the Government so far taken in the matter;

(b) are the Government aware that buildings are being constructed on either side of this road;

(c) do not the Government think it advisable to prevent such construction by means of an urgent notification so as to avoid heavy acquisition charges;

(d) have the Government informed the Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipality about their intention of widening this road so that he may not grant permission for such constructions;

(e) if the answer is in the negative, do not the Government think that such prohibitive measures should be taken immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No assurance of the kind was given. Government do not intend widening the road within Municipal limits owing to high cost of land acquisition. Steps are being taken to widen the road outside the Municipal limits.

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